15. **Public Works.** The expenditure incurred by the Marahmut Agencies, both in the capital and in the Divisions was Rs. 4,25,349 distributed as follows:—

Communications	Rs.	30,851
Buildings	„	2,72,503
Irrigation	„	40,204
Miscellaneous	„	49,964
Establishment	„	31,827

The work of the Marahmut Department is mostly confined to Palaces, Temples, Chathrams, Oottupuras, Proverthy Cutcherries and other Sirkar buildings in charge of the Panivagay, Division Marahmut, Commercial and Cardamom Departments, and communications such as village roads and minor irrigation works, which comprise repairs to irrigation tanks in South Travancore and in the Shencottah Taluk. With a view to bring the more important of the Maramuth Works throughout the State under skilled supervision, orders have recently been issued for the Huzur Maramuth Sheristadar, who is a professional officer, inspecting the works in the mofussil periodically.

16. **P. W. Department.** The expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department was Rs. 22,44,394, the highest on record. This Department has from a small beginning assumed very large proportions, as may be seen from the fact that from a modest expenditure of Rs. 1,99,888 in the year 1863–64 when it was in its infant stage the outlay has now risen to more than eleven fold.

Excluding charges under the head of Establishment and Tools and Plant, which amounted to Rs. 2,49,077 and Rs. 71,131 respectively, the balance Rs. 19,24,186 represents the expenditure on works. This was distributed as follows over the several D. P. W. Divisions:—

Muvattupuzha Division ...	...	Rs.	2,12,444
Kottayam „	... ...	„	1,91,263
Quilon „	... ...	„	2,90,632
Trivandrum „	... ...	„	3,48,778
Head Quarters „	... ...	„	25,597
Southern „	... ...	„	1,51,905
Kodayar Project „	... ...	„	7,03,567

It may be mentioned that out of the sum of Rs. 7,03,567 shown as expenditure in the Kodayar Project Division, Rs. 6,64,602 represents the expenditure on reproductive works viz. the Irrigation Project and the maintenance of the Left Bank and the Tiruvancode channels connected with it. The expenditure on ordinary works thus amounted to Rs. 12,59,584.

Under the usual service heads, the total outlay of Rs. 22,44,394 was thus distributed:—

Buildings	Rs.	3,92,375.
Communications	„	8,23,908.
Miscellaneous public improvements	„	14,614.
Irrigation	„	6,93,289.
Establishment	„	2,49,077.
Tools and Plant	„	71,131.

Under the head of "Buildings" the following may be mentioned as some of the important works which were in progress or completed during the year. The construction of the dispensary buildings at Changanacherry, Vaikom and Arukutty, additions and alterations to the hospital buildings at Alleppey and Quilon, the construction of Taluk cutcherries at Yettumanur and Changanacherry, the con-

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